

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 5:30 PM at Town Hall

Called to order at 5:33 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Larry Whalen

Absent: Ham Ross

Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl

Public Present: Jim Fugate

I. Public Comment: Larry Whalen spoke about Mike Anderson's complaint RE Bob Hartzell that was received by the Town Plan Commission: he indicated that this may be a Town Board issue. This will be on the next agenda with LW to provide documentation.

II. Vouchers approved \$33,518.50. BF/JP 4A MC [Clerk's note: the actual amount of the vouchers should be \$33,598.50 due to a voucher that was signed but not added to the total. PH]

III. Alternative Claims approved \$120,719.30 BF/JP 4A MC

IV. Treasurer's Report approved by motion showing balances as follows: total balance: \$1,279,873.05; cash balance: \$683,941.55; checking account balance: \$750,630.05. BF/LW 4A MC

V. Minutes

A. RTBM 9/27/11 approved as submitted. JP/BF 3A 1 Ab [LW absent from that meeting] MC

Ham Ross arrived at 5:42 PM

VI. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Town Foreman's Report placed on file by unanimous consent
2. Letter from Mike Fauerbach RE: Griggs Approach: there was discussion regarding the wording of the easement; however, this item was postponed. Bill Bussey is now representing the affected residents, and Mike Fauerbach wants to talk to him.

B. Parks

1. Use of Town Road at Big Bay Town Park (BBTP): Foreman Keith Sowl met with John Griffin & Ed Musik to hear Ed Musik's plan for parking. Sowl feels that Musik's plan will work with a good, organized lay out, and it will be less work and less expense and spare more trees. The Town Board agreed by consensus.

2. BBTP Parking Plan: see above

3. BBTP Reservation System: Beth Fischlowitz presented a list of what still needs to be done in this regard. She will be working on the list along with help from others.

4. Insurance Co. Risk Control Recommendations: discussion regarding bleacher safety and how best to accomplish it. Keith Sowl presented a photo of a portable bleacher unit (cost between \$8000-\$12,000). Consensus of the board was to retro-fit some kind of protective fencing around the existing bleachers at a far lesser cost. However Sowl is waiting for more information from Dave Valentine, the insurance company safety inspector.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: placed on file by unanimous consent. Supervisor Pallas requested an extension of his vacation time, but since he did not include the amount of time or when he wishes it extended to, the Board will consider his request at the MRF budget workshop. An amended agenda for this workshop was posted on 10/12/11 at 3:00 PM.

D. Harbors

1. Report from the Committee: not available

VII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report: placed on file by unanimous consent. Chief requested that the Town Board consider changes to the employee policy regarding carrying concealed weapons. The Clerk was directed to begin the research on this policy change and a possible ordinance prohibiting concealed weapons in Town-owned buildings.

VIII. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Chief's Report: not available

B. Ambulance Service Report: not available

IX. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's Report: not available

2. Final Draft Zoning Ordinance: Town Plan Commission recommendation and report to Town Board for amendments to the La Pointe Zoning Ordinance & Official Zoning Map: postponed till the RTBM 10/25/11. Each member to highlight his/her concerns.

X. Town Hall Administration

A. Monthly Budget Report: approved by motion. BF/HR 5A MC

B. Consideration of pay/benefit increases for full-time employees due to required retirement contributions RE: details of pay-out: not available

C. 2011-2012 Winter Transportation Agreement with Windsleds Transportation, Inc./Madeline Island Transportation, LLC: not available

D. 2011-2012 Ice Rescue Memorandum of Understanding—Exhibit B: adopted by motion. HR/BF 5A MC

E. 2011-2012 Winter Transportation Agreement with Bayfield School District: not received yet from them.

F. 2001-2012 Winter Transportation Agreement with Madeline Island Ferry Lines, Inc. This has been signed already.

G. Temporary Agreement between Town of La Pointe and Evan Erickson to cross Evan Erickson's property to access the Winter Terminal Building: adopted by motion. BF/JP 5A MC

H. General Code Draft Review Chapter 11: 347-12(a) [per minutes Regular Town Board Meeting 8/2/11]: wording deleted. Clerk to send to Gen Code.

I. Town of LaPointe Personnel Policy & Grievance Procedure(s) see X. J.

J. Possible Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer(s) : Bill Bussey, Attorney At Law (Bayfield, WI) has agreed to fill this position. A resolution to appoint him and set a fee for a hearing will be presented at the Regular Town Board Meeting on 10/25/11.

K. Request to Town Board for scheduling a presentation on Penokee Mine Issue: Clerk is to contact Cyrus Hester, Environmental Specialist for the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of the Chippewa, in this regard.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. Chief's Complaint RE: Hartzell's employee housing

B. Griggs Approach: interpretation from Mike Fauerbach

C. Risk Control Recommendations: Bleacher Safety

D. Change to Employee Policy: Carrying a Concealed Weapon

E. Final Draft Zoning Ordinance

F. Details of pay out to employees RE: Governor's Budget Repair Bill

G. Resolution 2011-1025 Appointing Bill Bussey as the Town of La Pointe Impartial Hearing Officer for Employee Grievance Hearings at a rate of \$150 per hour.

H. Employee Grievance Procedure:

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

XIII. Adjournment at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 10/25/11; Patty Hobin, Clerk